

PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

The following schedule will be used to plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire 2009 preseason salmon management process.

For 2009, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2008. The hearings would be:

- March 30, 2009 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 31, 2009 Eureka, California

In 2009, the March Council meeting will occur in Seattle, Washington and the April Council meeting in Millbrae, California. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Millbrae also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1995 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	Public Attendance													
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Westport	49	30	22	4	18	24	30	11	16	16	25	26	34	20
Astoria	28	23	16	-	14	-	-	-	-	-				
Tillamook	-	-	-	28	-	13	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}	-	-				
Coos Bay	22	30	27	15	31	36	18	40	26	26	105	146	43	60
Eureka	30	45	27	16	18	37	12	25	46	-				167
Ft. Bragg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	38	-		
Sacramento	16	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-		500	35	
Moss Landing ^{2/}	-	-	-	100	51	50	33	14	-	-				

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2009.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR
DEVELOPING 2009 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 1-7,
2008 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego, California to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options.
- Jan. 20-23,
2009 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and NMFS economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 10 print date, available on-line February 13.)
- Feb. 17-20 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2009 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (February 25 print date, available on-line and mailed to the Council February 26.)
- Feb. 23
through
Mar. 6 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Feb. 26 Council reports summarizing the 2008 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2009 are available to the public from the Council office.
- Mar. 7-13 Council and advisory entities meet at the Seattle Marriott Hotel Sea Tac, Seattle, Washington, to adopt 2009 regulatory options for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts preliminary options on March 9, adopts tentative options for STT analysis on March 10, and final options for public review on March 12.
- Mar. 16-20 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. (March 19 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public March 23)
- Mar. 17
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Apr. 2 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are scheduled for March 17-18 in Lacy and March 31-April 2 in Lynwood.

- Mar. 22 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.
- Mar. 30-31 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 30); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 31); and Eureka, California (March 31). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 6 in Millbrae, California.
- Apr. 3-9 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Westin San Francisco Airport, Millbrae, CA. *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 6. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are tentatively scheduled to be completed on April 8.
- Apr. 8-16 The STT and Council staff completes *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. (April 16 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public April 24)
- Apr. 16-23 Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 24 Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.
- May 1 NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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